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FOR MYLES FRECHETTE, ARA/EP; WHITE HOUSE FOR
MR. STERNFELD; TREASURY FOR MR. BRADFIELD

EO 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: GREENE MISSION -MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR TELEPHONED THIS MORNING TO ASK ME TO SEE HIM TOMORROW AT NOON TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH HAD ARISEN AT JANUARY 28 AFTERNOON MEETING OF MINISTERIAL COMMISSION HEADED BY MERCADO. HE OBSERVED THAT A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MATTERS REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED AND IT WAS ON THIS THEME THAT HE WISHED TO MEET WITH ME.

2. DE LA FLOR ASKED IF GREENE WERE PLANNING TO COME TO LIMA ON FEBRUARY 4, AND I SAID THAT AS FAR AS I KNEW HE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO COME ON THE 5TH TO BE READY FOR SIGNING ON THE 6TH IN THE EVENT THAT ALL THE PENDING MATTERS HAD BEEN RESOLVED. DE LA FLOR SAID THAT HE HAD TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE QUESTION OF DATES SINCE IT APPEARED THAT FURTHER TIME MAY WELL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE ALL THE NECESSARY ACTIONS WITHIN THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. WE DID NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE ON THE TELEPHONE, SO I AM UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT ANY OF OUR PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE GRACE TAKEOVER, NEITHER FOWLER NOR I RECEIVED ANY WORD SUBSEQUENT TO YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S MEETING AND WE, THEREFORE, ASSUME THAT THEY DID NOT REACH CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT ON THE TEXTS. WE ARE AWAITING SOME FURTHER WORD ON THIS FROM DE LAS CASAS.

5. SINCE DICTATING FOREGOING, FOWLER CALLED TO SAY THAT HE HAD

LEARNED FROM DE LAS CASAS THAT THE WORKING GROUP OF MINISTERS
HAD APPROVED FINAL DRAFTS OF THE THREE DOCUMENTS INVOLVED IN THE
GRACE TAKEOVER, BUT THAT THESE DRAFTS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO
THE FULL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TODAY FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

6. ALL OF THIS GIVES AN UNFORTUNATE INSIGHT INTO THE DEGREE OF
CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN THIS GOVERNMENT AND CAN GIVE US
ALLL SOME CONCEPTION OF WHY THINGS SOMETIMES SEEM INORDINATELY
DELAYED.
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